

STATEMENT OF ROBERT ATKINSON

assistance. I called on R/Const Cornett to get hold of an ambulance and she had already requested one. The Loyalist youths were still trying to attack both us and the Nationalists and Constable Neill pulled one of them from the crowd. Some of the rest tried to intervene and I stopped them. I accompanied Const Neill to the landrover where I was confronted by the male person in the blueish shirt whom we had originally encountered. This person was very agitated and grabbed me by the jacket. I broke free and he tried to wrestle my baton from me. In the ensuing struggle the leather strap was broken. Whilst I was struggling with this person I could see out of the corner of my eye that 3 youths were jumping on the head of the male who was lying on the ground outside Eastwoods. I broke free and went to the injured person's aid where I remained until assistance from other police arrived. All this time the Loyalist crowd taunted and tried to attack. They had to be held back by police and at one stage I struck a male dressed in a mustard coloured shirt, whom I believed to be called Rory Robinson, in the stomach to prevent him breaking through police lines. Whilst doing so I had occasion to observe Constable ^A [] remove a youth known to me as Wayne Lunt dressed in a white baseball hat and a red, white and blue scarf. I would estimate that it took the ambulance approx 10 - 15 minutes to arrive and that it was at the scene a further 15 mins. The incident lasted approx 1 hour before peace was restored.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

ROBERT ATKINSON

CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED

: *David Bradley* *D/Sgt.*

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